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MEMORANDUM FOR: Deputy Director for Plans

Tom:

I have not submitted the attached proposal to the Director. I will do so if you desire, but first I would like to have you think about the following points:

a. The primary current requirement for this proposal is to support the system which I understand has an uncertain future at this point.

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b. The proposed does appear to have other potential, but until and unless these requirements are quite firm there would be virtually no chance of obtaining a release from the Reserve in the amount of \$1.1 million for this purpose. If you feel that the priority is high enough that you would want to reprogram within the Clandestine Services, we can then consider it on this basis.

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c. I would point out that Carl Duckett has some reservations as to the validity of these requirements at the time the proposed hardware would become available, and he is not convinced that a sufficient number of possible systems have been examined.

If you wish to pursue this, I suggest that you consult with Carl. I will be happy to discuss it with either or both of you at any time.

In short, I think it would be very premature to submit this to the Director without

a. Firming up the requirement;

b. Reaching agreement within the Agency that this is indeed the best way to satisfy the requirement;

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c. Having a pretty clear idea of where the money will come from, other than the Reserve; and

d. Having some idea of the cost of operating the system once it is developed.



L. K. White

Attachment:

Memo dtd 16 Oct 68 to DCI fr DD/P.



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